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Post Meridiem Council Sate Present as before

Came M^r Muschamp M^r Tyler and brought from the House
the Address to her Majesty Endorsed

By the House of Delegates Sepr 27th 1704.

We have received your Honours Resolutions touching the Address We confess we are something surprised to find that your Honours after you had agreed with us on Reasons to be Contained in it and had in your former Letter or Address shewn at the Conference said that you believed the General Assembly would proceed further on that Subject your Honours should refuse to Joyne with us because we do not now raise mony when your Honours know all the Account We have of the design is but dark and uncertain and such as we are not absolutely to rely on

We heartily wish we could Concur with your Honours in all things for the good of this Province and we shall be always as ready as any to raise mony where the necessity of the Province requires it which in this we Cannot perceive Therefore since we shall not say or do any thing in the name of the Province without your Honours in Conjunction neither shall we meddle with this address unless your Honours Joyne with us Signed p Order W Taylard Cl Del.

Came Mr Coursey and brought the following Message Viz.

By the House of Delegates Sepr 27th 1704

The greatest Part of the Bills having passed your Honours Assent and this House the next material matter offering to our Consideration is settling the Law for regulating officers Fees and therein of the charge of the Great Seal to the Laws of this Province for the future on which we desire to know whither your Honours think it most proper for the dispatch of business to proceed by drawing the Bill or by Message and Answer or by appointing a Conference with some of this house and your Board in either of which or any other reasonable Method we are ready to proceed

Signed p Order W Taylard Cl Ho Del.

M^r Eccleston and M^r Dollarhide bring up the Bill for providing what shall be good Evidence to prove foreign Debts